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General Council

Northern California will be well represented at the meeting of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches at Grinnell, Iowa. The Council will open at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, June 18th, and will continue until noon on Tuesday the 25th. There will be other meetings in advance of and following the regular sessions of the Council. The annual meetings of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, and of the Council for Social Action, will be held in connection with those of the Council itself.

Our own President Ronald Bridges will be the moderator. Official delegates from Northern California will be: Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Field Secretary William W. Meyers, Mrs. Ernest A. Evans, Mr. Charles Gebhardt, Rev. Verdette Walters, Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mr. George B. Martin, Mrs. Robert W. Inglis, Mrs. Ralph V. Conard, Rev. Roland G. deVries, Prof. Wm. Hawley Davis, Rev. B. H. Kissler, Mr. Harold Sauer, Mr. David H. Gill, Rev Maurice deVries, Mr. Albert F. King, Mr. N. F. Sanderson, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, and Rev. Henry H. Hayden.

There will also be in attendance husbands and wives of certain of the delegates, including Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Mrs. Vere V. Loper, Mrs. William Hawley Davis, Rev. Ralph V. Conard and Rev. Robert W. Inglis.

Mrs. Scott Haymond and Rev. Sidney Buckham, who are members of the Board of Home Missions, will attend. Prof. Buell Gallagher will lead one of the discussion groups.

Mrs. Esther May Snyder, Rev. W. Edgar Gregory, and Prof. Hugh Vernon White will undoubtedly be present. Inquiries reaching the Conference office indicate there will be others from Northern California in attendance.

Only two units will be unrepresented.

NATIONAL LEADER HERE

Northern California was favored in having a five-day visit by Judge Charles B. Adams of Vermont, the chairman of the Church Building Committee of the Board of Home Missions. The number of new church projects in California, north and south, led the Building Department to send Judge Adams to see at first hand what is happening in the golden west. It was impossible in the few days of his visit to see all of the churches where new buildings are to be erected or extensive remodeling to be done, but he visited San Carlos, San Lorenzo, Hayward, Sacramento Sierra Arden, Berkeley Arlington, and Orinda, and had conferences with at least two other pastors. Upon leaving he expressed his interest and congratulation to us in Northern California, saying that in his judgment every church which he had visited represented a solid and worthwhile project and one that should have the support of the entire denomination through the Building Society.

AU REVOIR UNTIL SEPTEMBER

With this issue Pacific takes a vacation until September, since the paper is published only ten months during the year. New and renewal subscriptions will be welcomed as always.

MILLS INSTITUTE

The Twelfth Annual Institute of International Relations at Mills College, Oakland, will be held June 23-July 2. Even to look at the list of members of the faculty and the special lecturers would impress any reader with the unusual richness of the program. On the faculty one finds Hachiro Yuasa, formerly president of Doshisha University of Japan; Maynard C. Krueger, of the University of Chicago; Aouney Dejany, staff member of the Arab office in Washington; and several other distinguished scholars and teachers. Among the special lecturers will be T. J. Koo, great Chinese Christian leader; Frank Oppenheimer, noted atomic scientist; and Eric C. Johnson, of the American Friends Service Committee. Besides lecturers there will be a round table.

Tuition for the full session for adults will be $12.50, and for high school and college students $10.00. Room and board for the entire period can be had as low as $28.50. Information can be secured by writing the Institute of International Relations, Mills College, Oakland 13.

"THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL"

Published by the Pilgrim Press as "today's outstanding book on church architecture," John Scotford's "The Church Beautiful" is now available and may be ordered through the Pacific Book Service at $3.50 per copy. Every church and minister planning a new church building or the remodeling of an old one would do well to secure a copy of this book. It is richly illustrated with photographs. Dr. Albert W. Palmer says of it, "Nowhere else in the field of church architecture and worship has so much practical wisdom been compressed into so brief a space."

OUR CHAPLAINS

Rev. Frederick L. Fagley of the office of the General Council, who was responsible for the recruiting of chaplains, reports that the Congregational Christian Churches furnished a total of 466 chaplains in the armed services and something like 170 are still carrying forward this important work.

C. A. R. E.

Generous minded people often inquire as to how they can send food packages to Europe. A thoroughly dependable and well-vouched-for agency has now been set up, entitled "Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc." For convenience it may be addressed simply as follows: C.A.R.E., 50 Broad Street, New York 4, N. Y. For $15.00 a package containing staple foods with an average of over forty thousand calories and weighing thirty pounds, will be purchased, wrapped and forwarded, and transportation charges will be paid. Each package will include: Solid meat, cereal and biscuits; fruit, jam and pudding; vegetables, sugar and candy; cocoa, coffee and beverage powders; evaporated milk, preserved butter, soap, matches, and the like. These can be sent to beneficiaries designated by the donor, or C.A.R.E. will select other worthy people.

The Conference Committee on Social Action strongly recommends that our people make use of this worthy organization.

Training For The Church School

An outstanding opportunity for training leaders in your Church School is offered this summer through the Christian Education Laboratory School to be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, Oakland, July 8-12 and 15-19. The two-week school will feature outstanding leaders in demonstration classes. Even the very best teachers will find something to remember at the Laboratory School. New recruits will get sound training and practice teaching. Young people and adults who are interested in the possibility of Christian leadership or Church School teaching will get an excellent start.

The faculty leaders who will direct the morning laboratory classes and the afternoon discussions include Mr. Ray Carey of Berkeley, Mrs. Charles Wade of the Methodist National Board, Miss Mildred Widber, director of Children's Work for the Congregational Board of Home Missions; Miss Evelyn Williams of Sacramento, and Mrs. Stanley Silke of Oakland. Lecturers at the afternoon forums will include Dr. Randolph C. Miller of Church Divinity School, Miss Margaret Lobb of Oakland, and Miss Widber of Boston.

The school will be interdenominational in its leadership and its student body with leaders coming from Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, and Episcopal Churches. It is one of six schools being sponsored by the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches. Other schools will be at Bakersfield, Marysville, Reno, San Anselmo, and Eureka. Churches near these locations may send their leaders to those schools (dates may be secured from the California Council of Churches) or to the school in Oakland which is being administered by the Congregational Christian Education Committee.

Information and additional enrollment blanks for the Laboratory School may be secured from Miss Alice Sanderson, Dean, 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 11, California.

EIGHTY YEARS YOUNG

Rev. J. B. Orr is celebrating his eightieth birthday this month and the Fruitvale Church is making that celebration its very own. He is the oldest man who is serving a church as its regular pastor in the Northern California Congregational Conference. Nearly all of his ministry has been in California. He was first at Benicia and next at the Park Congregational Church in San Francisco, which no longer exists. He then went to Santa Cruz for a notable pastorate up to the year 1900, and, after carrying forward church work in the States of Washington and Idaho for six years, returned to Santa Cruz. Later on he came to Oakland, first to the Myrtle Street Church, then the Boulevard Church now known as New Pilgrim, and then for sixteen years, with brief intervals devoted to editorial work, at Fruitvale. He has become an institution in all of East Oakland and ministers probably to more people in their hours of sorrow in funeral services and in hours of joy in marriage services than any other man in the city.

A reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Orr on June 5 and the anniversary sermon was delivered on Sunday morning, June 9, by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of our First Church, San Francisco.

Plymouth House

Election of officers of Plymouth House Congregational Student Center at the University of California was held on May 26. Harry Boardman Drobish was elected President. He was a member of Plymouth House some three years ago before he entered war service, returning to the campus last February to complete his studies in agriculture. Other officers named were Earnest Lidell, Vice-President; Mavis Haglund, Secretary; Orville Norsworthy, Treasurer; Peggy Rapp, Membership Chairman. The cabinet will be completed by appointment. These officers assume responsibility in the fall.

During the last month another packing party was staged when twelve boxes of food were prepared and shipped to Europe. Members of Plymouth House also assisted in the distribution of collection boxes for Famine Relief, put out by the Friends Service Committee.

Programs for the last month have included a series of three speakers on "Vocations," the series following a Christian Vocations Conference held at Camp Duncan from May 10-12. Rev. Vernon Fawcett, graduate student and instructor in Old Testament at Pacific School of Religion, has assisted with Wednesday evening Bible study.

Activities will continue at Plymouth House during the summer sessions at the University, but in an informal program which will be directed by a summer committee composed largely of those officers who expect to remain at the University for July and August. Plymouth House is planning for large representation at the Student Summer Camp scheduled for August 31 to September 3 at Cazadero.

No Christian in comfortable America can escape the acid test of Christian world citizenship. Our horizons today are unlimited. There is no such body as a "local" Christian church. The Christian Church is a Worldwide Fellowship, bound together as members one of another.

—AMERICAN BOARD.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 18-25—General Council, Grinnell, Iowa.
JUNE 23-JULY 2—Institute of International Relations at Mills College.
JULY 8-19—Laboratory School for Christian Education, Plymouth Church, Oakland.
AUGUST 14-19 — M.E.M. Conference, Asilomar.
OCTOBER 22-24 — Annual meeting of State Conference at Sacramento.

1946 CAMP SCHEDULE

JUNE 15-22—Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship.
JUNE 15-22—San Joaquin (at Lake Sequoia).
JUNE 22-29—Redwood P. F.
JUNE 29-JULY 6—Central P. F.
JULY 6-13—West Bay P. F.
JULY 13-20—East Bay P. F.
JULY 27-AUGUST 3—Family Camp No. 1.
AUGUST 3-10—Family Camp No. 2.
AUGUST 10-17—Junior High No. 1.
AUGUST 17-24—Junior High No. 2.
AUGUST 24-31 — State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp.
AUGUST 31 - SEPT. 3 — College Student Camp.

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Giffen Memorial

A fitting memorial if there ever was one are the new memorial chimes recently presented to the Martinez church by the young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Dr. Giffen more than a year ago had suggested this project to the Pilgrim Fellowship. It was accepted and after Dr. Giffen's passing was carried out as a memorial to him. The chimes are installed in the organ loft and amplified through four large weather-proof speakers in the tower of the church. The reproduction is by means of magnetic pick-ups attached separately to each chime, which eliminates distortion and loft noises.

The dedication was held on Sunday afternoon, May 19. The choir of the church presented a program of beautiful music. Greetings were brought by Miss Mary Meadows, president of the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The address was delivered by Prof. Hugh Vernon White, and Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, pastor of the church, led the people in the act of dedication.

Relief In Europe

We hear and think so much about the suffering of many people throughout the world that it is cheering to learn definitely of the relief which our money, labor, and friendship are giving in distant lands.

A report from a church worker in Europe says: "American church relief centers are not only likely to be portable buildings, but some have attached tanks for mixing powdered milk in quantity. Children come to these huts after school for their daily lunch. $1,000 buys enough milk for 32,500 glasses, which frequently means the difference between illness and health and energy to study and play rather than full listlessness. A little girl of 13 at one of the centers told the worker with great dignity, 'Be sure, madam, that we will remember what the children of other countries have done for us.' And if tomorrow misery and suffering knock at their door we will do our best to help them.' "

From England comes word of the members of the Service Committee who are helping in Congregational Missions in London. These young Americans with their friendliness and vitality are bringing new life and hope into the church situation where ministers and workers are worn out after years of struggle. They are also adding joy and brightness to the sordid, monotonous lives of those among whom they work. After an "American evening," given by the four at a mission, a bent old lady said, "It is the best time we have had for six years."

The tangibles and the intangibles—who can say which count the more in the relief of suffering? Both are necessary. It is not easy to dismiss from our thoughts the little girl, grateful for her milk, and the bent old woman, reviving her spirit by the fire of Christian ministration.

—MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

OUR GIFTS

The percentage of gain in the apportionment giving of the churches is just about what is expected of us thus far if we do our part in the national undertaking of a "Substantial and Courageous Increase." Gain for the first five months is a little better than 44 per cent. The gifts to the C.W.V.R. continue to be a cause of satisfaction that our people are so earnestly responding to the world's need. The $22,000 shown at the bottom of the third column is not all of it either. About $3,800.00 has been sent directly to the treasury in New York, our grand total being about $25,800 thus far this year.

We are now facing the three months of the summer. Pastors, treasurers and committee members will greatly help if the steady flow of remittances can be maintained.

	App't. Jan. 11 to May 31 1945	App't. Inc. S.C.I. Jan. 11 to May 31 1946	1946 C.W.V.R.
Adin	$ 17.00	$ 16.25	$ 21.71
Alameda	398.58	708.33	654.93
Alturas	36.95	54.07	100.56
Angels Camp	103.00	100.00	25.00
Antioch	35.71	25.38	.....
Auburn	50.00	70.00	77.00
Benicia	230.00	.....	219.56
Berkeley, Arlington	45.66	53.62	92.50
Chinese	.....	10.00	51.81
First	3,145.85	5,388.50	4,217.75
North	250.30	308.85	302.10
Northbrae	.....	.....	50.00
South	222.00	278.89	10.00
Biola	.....	.....	100.00
Campbell	80.00	50.00	53.00
Cedarville	.....	33.75	.....
Cloverdale	47.95	21.92	3.00
Cotati	85.00	50.00	25.00
Crockett	18.32	39.53	16.96
Dinuba, German	.....	.60	.....
Elk Grove	.....	6.64	.....
Eureka	156.88	335.93	97.10
Ferndale	98.70	84.55	136.58
Fresno, First	550.00	655.00	762.90
Pilgrim	414.62	60.00	157.87
Glen Ellen	21.00	85.00	95.00
Grass Valley	.....	25.00	.....
Guerneville	20.00	13.40	107.93
Hayward	100.00	10.00	220.00
Kenwood	11.46	8.45	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	28.80	1,192.00
First	1,569.00	2,985.00	5,183.00
Loleta	40.23	4.00	.....
Loomis	23.86	100.00	.....
Martinez	169.53	561.70	333.70
Murphys	83.40	81.00	18.00
Niles	5.00	50.00	.....
Oakland, First	2,200.00	2,952.57	1,128.87
Fruitvale	15.00	26.50	10.00
Japanese	15.00	.....	.....
Pilgrim	33.00	49.60	100.68
Plymouth	576.19	652.05	3.00
Olinda	95.80	131.08	65.55
Oroville	144.67	597.72	500.40
Pacific Grove	199.50	24.60	.....
Palo Alto	525.00	540.00	360.00
Paradise	100.00	225.00	.....
Parlier	.....	25.00	.....
Penngrove	39.36	15.81	41.26
Pescadero	.....	.....	81.01
Petaluma	294.75	336.00	.....
Pittsburg	118.36	171.76	80.10
Port Chicago	37.56	.....	73.00
Porterville	400.00	600.00	725.00
Redwood City	210.07	212.04	291.63
Reedley	25.00	.....	.....
Rio Vista	70.00	106.40	84.60
Ripon	76.43	86.84	168.95
Sacramento	400.00	675.00	719.05
Salida	41.00	35.00	.....
San Carlos	80.00	130.40	113.15
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	75.00	122.16	6.00
Chinese	.....	20.00	30.00
First	365.57	452.83	315.00
Ocean View	66.15	25.00	5.00
Park Presidio	82.00	84.30	167.00
Sanger	.....	14.08	176.21
San Jose	306.42	383.52	594.97
San Leandro	25.40	84.76	6.00
San Mateo	437.53	510.73	.....
San Rafael	29.00	42.55	.....
Santa Cruz	370.00	350.00	.....
Santa Rosa	105.00	128.46	.....
Saratoga	179.45	108.56	162.84
Sebastopol	93.78	85.77	177.40
Sonoma	46.68	120.85	97.30
Soquel	30.00	.....	99.00
Stockton	306.44	441.73	431.26
Suisun	25.00	51.94	82.78
Tulare	315.00	200.33	.....
Weaverville	75.00	100.00	.....
Woodside	23.80	11.50	92.43
Reno, Nevada	179.70	325.84	41.25
Miscellaneous	813.78	933.42	686.95
	$17,677.39	$24,495.86	$22,046.60

SUNNYVALE. The church now has an organ fund of $800. Rev. J. K. Ballou is pastor.

Camp Leaders

Rev. Loy L. Long, Candidate Secretary of the American Board and former missionary in India, will be on the faculty for the State and Student camps this summer at Cazadero.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. McClure from China, who shared in the experiences that went with the threat of bombing in Foochow, will be guests at the San Joaquin Camp at Lake Sequoia.

Mrs. Helen A. Thomas from Portland will be a leader at the Upper Bay, Redwood, and Central area camps. She is wife of the Race Relations Director of the Portland Council of Churches.

Mitchell Johnson of Andover Newton Theological School and graduate of Tillotson College will attend the East Bay Pilgrim Fellowship Camp and the Junior High and Family camps.

Sabotage?

The following are several paragraphs from a statement before the sub-committee on statehood of the House of Representatives by Robert L. Shivers, former special agent in charge of Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"There was not one single act of sabotage committed against the war effort in the Hawaiian Islands during the course of the entire war. Nor was there any fifth column activity in existence or in evidence here. As a result of disclosures before the committee now investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster that fifth column activity was present in Hawaii during the early days of the war, I made a statement to the press on December 21, 1945, as follows:

" 'In spite of what Admiral Kimmel or anyone else may have said about the fifth column activity in Hawaii, I want to emphasize that there was no such activity in Hawaii before, during or after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Consequently there was no confusion in Hawaii as a result of fifth column activities.

" 'I was in a position to know this fact, and I speak with authority when I say that the confusion in Hawaii was in the minds of the confused, and not because of fifth column activities.

" 'It was not the civilian population who was confused. Nowhere under the sun could there have been a more intelligent response to the needs of the hour than was given by the entire population of these islands. . . .'

"No amount of repetition before the investigating committee will alter the fact that sabotage and fifth column activity was never engaged in at any time prior, during, or subsequent to the attack on Pearl Harbor."

SYLVAN DALE SCHOOL

The Board of Home Missions is again holding a summer school for ministers at Sylvan Dale near the beautiful Rocky Mountain national park in Colorado. Each Conference is given a quota. This year northern California will have four ministers in attendance: Rev. John N. Sauer of Fresno, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith of Porterville, Rev. Lawrence D. Granger of Angels Camp, and Rev. Emerson W. Harris of Eureka.

Chaplain Morgan Writes History

Chaplain Victor Morgan, who served through sixty combat actions on the U.S.S. Carrier Essex, has written a history of the part which this great boat played in the winning of the war. Chaplain Morgan was awarded the purple heart for wounds received when the ship was struck by a Kamikaze plane.

NILES. Thirteen new members were received at Easter time, seven by letter and six by confession. Rev. D. Q. Grabill is the pastor.

THE G.I. SPEAKS

On V-J Day a San Francisco Chronicle reporter interviewed several people he chanced to meet. Among them was Martin Heller, 21, who during the war had been with the 319th Fighter Squadron at Foggia, Italy.

"What do I think of things?" he said. "Well, last week I was in Los Angeles and I saw a placard on an auto bumper that said: 'We don't want Japs here.' I saw the same thing about Mexicans in Texas, and Negroes in New York.

"I saw Japanese-Americans, Mexicans, and Negroes fighting over there—and they fought like——

"Now I see all this, I often wonder what it was we were fighting for. Worse thing, it's growing. And we won't be able to do much about it till the country, till everyone gets a personal conscience. Not till everyone takes time to look at himself.

"And that's hard to do—to look at yourself, honestly."

TRINITY COUNTY. After spending about three months in Hawaii visiting their daughters, Rev. and Mrs. Forrest P. Knapp are back in Weaverville and received a hearty welcome from their parishioners.

SAN MATEO. Forty-six members were received into the church during the Easter season. Rev. Benton Gaskell has begun his work as associate pastor. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is the minister.

GLEN ELLEN. On June 16th Rev. C. C. Champlin, who was born in the Sonoma Valley, will preach the Diamond Jubilee Sermon at Sonoma. Rev. E. W. Perry will preach at Glen Ellen.

CEDARVILLE. A church membership class for young people is now under way. The film "King of Kings," was a feature of the Easter celebration. Rev. Terence Stoker is pastor.

EUREKA. The Eureka Church and its pastor, Rev. Emerson W. Harris, are broadcasting the morning services of worship over Station KIEM. The church has purchased a parsonage.

WOODSIDE. At the request of the young people, who desire to hear Rev. Charles E. Ward, now serving the church, the Sunday School hour has been changed to permit them to attend church.

SALIDA. At the Association Meeting the church reported a new High School group and splendid increased church attendance. Mr. Albert F. King is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Ralph Conard is attending the Rotary International Convention and the General Council. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was preacher on June 2nd.

OROVILLE. Fourteen new members were received at Easter. The parish now has a fine children's choir. The newest organization is a young married people's group. Rev. Maurice deVries is the pastor.

SOQUEL. Arrangements have been made so that the social hall and sanctuary can be darkened for visual education in daylight. The grounds have been landscaped as a memorial gift. Rev. T. Davis Preston conducts classes in week-day released time in two schools.

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION

PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN. The first meeting of the Property Development Committee was held on May 22. A group of women of the community, directed by Rev. Mary McKee Chester, served a very excellent dinner. Twenty-five persons were present, about three-fourths of them men who hold fine business and professional positions in the city. Supt. Harley H. Gill outlined the history of the project and the relationship of the Congregational fellowship to it, stating that local responsibility was highly desirable. A chairman and a secretary were appointed and sub-committees set up to study the needs of the community, the type of building to be erected, the securing of temporary facilities, and the enlisting of financial support. The interest and manifest ability of those attending would be appreciated by almost any of our churches. Already additional chairs are required both for primary department and adults. The parsonage and grounds surrounding it have been improved and beautified. The local people contributed a substantial offering at Easter.

PORT CHICAGO. After long search and several disappointments, this church is now enthusiastic and happy. Rev. W. C. Besselievre, recently separated from the Army chaplaincy, began work in this thriving community on June first. Before going into the armed services, Captain Besselievre was at Pierre, South Dakota. He spent a week at Port Chicago, meeting the members of several clubs as well as the church and received an unanimous call.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. In the five years during which Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian has served this church, a total of nearly $53,000.00 has been received and spent by the church and its organizations, of which about $9,500.00 was for missionary and benevolent purposes. Forty-eight new members were received, and seventy-nine children were baptized. Two complete public address systems have been presented recently to the church.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Fifty-nine couples attended the dinner at which the new Couples Club was organized. The annual Mother and Daughter dinner was held on May 5 sponsored by the Acothians, and was followed by installation of officers and program. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Inglis will be attending the Centenary of Grinnell College and the meeting of the General Council. Mr. Inglis was formerly pastor of the Grinnell Church. A Memorial Day offering for War Victims and Reconstruction amounted to about $1,200.00.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Five members were received at Easter time into the Angels Camp church. Rev. Lawrence D. Grander, pastor, in addition to looking after Murphys and Angels Camp, encourages the Sunday School at White Pines and conducts services at the C.Y.A. schools at the Big Trees and Fricot.

SANTA CRUZ. Mrs. Gail Cleland, wife of Col. Cleland, now in Korea, was the speaker before the Women's Club monthly luncheon attended by eighty people. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

MARTINEZ. Eleven new members were received on Mother's Day, making a total of fifty since September. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. This church was written up in the annual report of the California Youth Authority as "The most active church in Sonoma County in meeting the needs of the local youth." The Women's Service Guild of the church has taken an active part against any new liquor licenses in the town, and has been attending court, their presence resulting in stiffer sentences for drunken driving, rowdyism and gambling. This church had its family picnic on May 26th at Cazadero. Rev. Herbert Gans of Petaluma was guest, and led in a helpful discussion on the church and family life. Pilgrim Fellowship young people sponsored a sacrificial supper to stimulate interest in war relief. Rev. Henry Hayden, the pastor, delivered the community Memorial Day address.

SANTA ROSA. Beautiful new drapes were installed in the chancel in time for the Association Meeting. Rev. Gordon Foster has announced his resignation. He plans to work in New York City and continue his studies at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. His going will be deeply regretted by the Santa Rosa Church and by a large number of people in the city as a whole, but all wish him God speed as he seeks to better prepare himself for his work as a Christian teacher and minister.

REDWOOD CITY. A church newsletter, now in its 7th issue, is going weekly, or nearly so, to 225 families of members and friends of the church. The young adult work is becoming well established, with weekly Sunday School classes and monthly social get-togethers. Over $600 was realized from the Easter special offering for the C.W.V.R. Rev. Roland G. deVries, pastor, is a delegate to the General Council.

BERKELEY, FIRST. This church made a very effective appeal at Christmas time for the Postwar Emergency Program. Again in May offerings were taken for famine relief, amounting to $1,259. Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, is attending the Rotary Club convention, the Centenary of Grinnell College, and the General Council. Upon his return he and Mrs. Loper will move into their new home.

SAN LORENZO. A Home Altar program is under way to enlist and educate the family in having devotional services in the home. Mr. Ray Woodruff is canvassing the entire community, having made 572 calls during May. A number of new members are being discovered. Rev. Homer Schwarz is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. Rev. Herbert E. Dimock, the pastor, is taking an early vacation in the hope that construction on the new building may be started in the latter part of the summer. Through the generosity and interest of the Blake family, the church will have title to a small adjoining lot at their present site.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. During the last eight months of 1945 over 800 different persons per month participated in the activities. New improvements are to be made in 1946, including roof, lighting fixtures, wiring and a new organ. Mr. Roy Nichols and Prof. Buell Gallagher are the pastors.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. Rev. A. W. Monosmith has completed his work in this parish. The Cotati Church has a new heating plant and an excellent Sunday School. Many children come from homes otherwise uninterested.

SAN CARLOS. The finest job of parish building fund publicity that the editor of The Pacific has ever seen has been planned and carried through by a committee of younger men in this church. A beautiful set of charts, drawings, and pictures, telling the story of the growth and the needs of San Carlos, has been furnished to each canvasser. This follows articles and advertising in the local paper, and a periodical which has been distributed through the community called "The Doubler." The present effort is to secure not less than $125,000.00 in pledges. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

LODI, FIRST. Miss Ellen Smith, director of weekday religious education of the Northern California Council of Churches, visited Lodi and spoke to the Women's Association. Two schools in Lodi will be used for weekday classes. Boys and girls with perfect attendance and completed work in the Pastor's Class in the past three months were given an all-day yacht cruise on the river by Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Looser. The third of a series of parties for returning service men and their wives and guests was given by the Friendship Class. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Eugene V. Haynes, minister. Mrs. Hattie Gauthier, Chairman of the World Service Committee, reports forty-one boxes sent to Holland, Italy and France since Christmas. In return she has received ten letters of thanks full of hope and courage.

The Women's Auxiliary this month sponsored a Guest Artist Tea featuring Alice Tisdale Hobart, author of "Oil for the Lamps of China." Proceeds went to the Social House Fund.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The youth choir has more than thirty-five members, and Wednesday evening socials now require the renting of a hall. Sunday School enrollment has grown to ninety. The pastor, Rev. Byron E. Eshelman, has been leading a Thursday evening class on personality development with an enrollment of forty and attendance averaging more than twenty-five.

STOCKTON. On Sunday, May 19th, a large group of young people under the leadership of Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, were at Congregational Cazadero for conference and retreat. Thirty-four new members were received at Easter time. Both Easter attendance and offering broke all records.

BENICIA. A total of seventy church officers and community members were elected at the annual meeting and have been installed. The landscaping in front of the church is being completed. Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Wolfe have moved into the new parsonage.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Mr. H. Eng, a graduate of the Yale Divinity School, who is with the Chinese Y.M.C.A. of San Francisco, is preaching each Sunday at this church until a new pastor is secured. The Chinese School is being cared for by Mrs. Tong Gee.

SONOMA. Rev. Edward W. Perry, who has served this church nearly ten years, has accepted a call to a Presbyterian church in the State of Washington. His pastorate has been one of the longest in the history of the church, which has just completed its seventy-fifth year.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On Sunday evenings after the service of worship, under the direction of Claude A. Ward, young people remain for a period of inspiration, discussion, singing and refreshments. On May 3rd, Mrs. Mae R. Mayerhofer, for many years a worker in the Sunday School, and known to people far and near, passed to the better life. The Down Town Oratorio Society holds its rehearsals in this church. On June 9th, while the pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, was preaching the anniversary sermon for Rev. J. B. Orr of Fruitvale, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. George W. Phillips.

HAYWARD. During the summer, Church School will be at nine and morning worship at ten on Sunday mornings. The children and young people of the parish will make use of the Junior High and East Bay camps at Cazadero. Adults will also have the privilege of one or the other of the Family Camps. There will be a union vacation Bible school sponsored by the churches of the town and a day camp under the Hayward Area Recreation District. A four-page legal size mimeographed newspaper is published monthly. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

PESCADERO. Home Coming Sunday was celebrated on May 26, the sermon being preached by Superintendent Gill. Since Rev. William F. Keeney, the pastor, is graduating from Pacific School of Religion, he will probably end his work at Pescadero this summer. New cupboards and running water have been installed in the kitchen of the church. In cooperation with the Half Moon Bay Methodist Church there was an Easter sunrise service.

SEBASTOPOL. Probably about the time this issue of The Pacific reaches its readers, Mr. James P. Senter, pastor, will have been ordained by a Council called for the purpose on June 11th. The younger departments of the Sunday School are crowded for room. Many direct packages of food and three tons of clothing have been sent to people in Europe.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. In the Easter class a total of seventy members were received into the church. A large number of children were baptized. This church continues to have one of the largest cradle roll departments of any church in the country, due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. A. C. Sullivan. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

PETALUMA. The largest attendance on any recent Sunday, with the exception of Easter, greeted Mrs. Eleanor Gans, who conducted service for her husband, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, on Mother's Day. The children's choir have new robes of scarlet cassocks with white surplices. The modernizing of the kitchen in the manse is going forward.

PORTERVILLE. During the summer months the hour of morning worship will be earlier. The children's choir, as usual, assisted in the worship service on Mother's Day. Mrs. Willis L. Goldsmith, wife of the pastor, was chairman of a group of ministers' wives that carried out an interchurch luncheon.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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WOMEN'S ONGOING WORK

The last meeting of the Federation before the summer recess was held in the chapel of the First Church, Oakland, Thursday, May 16, with a very good attendance. At the meeting of the Executive Board, immediatly preceding, the following announcements were made: The vacancies in the list of Association presidents were filled. Mrs Floyd Brown will serve as president of Central Association, and Mrs. Donald F. Gaylord as president of Upper Bay. Mrs. Edmund Mills will be Assistant Literature Secretary. Mrs. W. W. Meyer and Mrs. Charles A. Stanley, Home and Foreign Field secretaries, respectively, will be our delegates to the M. E. M. Conference, held this year at Asilomar, August 14-19. Mrs. Stephen C. Peabody will be our delegate to the Institute of International Relations at Mills College, June 23 to July 2. Mrs. Ralph V. Conard will represent us at the General Council in Grinnell, Iowa, June 18-25.

Mrs. Peabody urged the acquainting of our senators and representatives with our wishes as to action on the various bills now before Congress, and made her own recommendations on a number of them. Mrs. Peabody pointed out that she was basing her opinion on those given in "The Washington Report," and urged our subscribing to that publication. Another publication which we should read, along a different line, is "The Return to Japan," which is a report on the recent visit of Protestant leaders to look into the situation of the Christian Church in Japan. Dr. Douglas Horton headed the delegation. It is interesting and very enlightening reading.

"The Anatomy of Peace," by Reeves, is another valuable book, and Mrs. Chester Marliave of our Speaker's Bureau will be glad to help in the preparation of a program based on that book. Mrs. Marliave's address is 420 Boynton Avenue, Berkeley 7. She will help also with a similar service on Street's "The Gauntlet," and Hobart's "The Serpent Sheds His Tail." Book suggestions seemed to be the order of the day. Mrs. Verdette Walters, Christian Home Secretary, recommended quite a list as helpful to mothers or anyone working with children. Some of these were: three by Jones, "Tell Me About God," "Tell Me About Jesus," "Tell Me About the Bible"; Sweet, "Opening the Door for God"; Bro, "When Children Ask" (a long-time favorite); and Bonsell, "Famous Hymns with Stories and Pictures." "The Burma Surgeon Returns," a sequel to "The Burma Surgeon," by Dr. Gordon Seagrave, was recommended to us by Mrs. Alice Barritt, who cares for literature in the Conference office. Mrs. Barritt's talk made us feel the interest of the book, but no one who had read "The Burma Surgeon" needed any urging to read the sequel.

Once more the Bible was brought to us as a fresh and living thing. Dr. Chester C. McCown, who gave so generously of his time and wide knowledge of the Old Testament at the March meeting, did the same with the New Testament. We are grateful to him. Dr. McCown is an example of an eminent scholar who can put that scholarship simply and clearly at the disposal of those less favored. He also recommended some valuable books: Goodspeed, "Making the English New Testament"; Scott, "The New Testament Today"; Craig, "Beginnings of Christianity."

In accordance with the action taken in the March meeting, on affiliating with the Interdenominational Council of Missions of Northern California, Mrs. R. A. Fuller had attended a meeting of the Council. She is our Interdenominational Secretary and with Mrs. James Price and Mrs. J. H. McCartney, president and second vice-president, respectively, and one other to be named later, was appointed our representative to the Council.

We had feared that we should miss hearing Dr. Alma Locke Cooke, but in the words of our secretary, "she literally flew into the meeting, having been a bridesmaid in Tacoma, Washington, the day before." The bride was Miss Valley Nelson, who was caught in the Philippines at the outbreak of the war and who later remained voluntarily when she might have left, because she had a patient who was very ill and needed her. She is now Mrs. James Pendleton of Toppenish, Washington. Dr. Cooke is returning to her work in China, but so far the date of her sailing is uncertain. Even when she gets to China she will not go immediately to Lintsing, as all housing and equipment there are ruined, but will work first in Peking. It will be remembered that several years before the war, when Dr. Cooke was in this country, the Chinese expressly asked for her return. She is an effective answer to those who may tell you that missionaries are "foisted" upon non-Christian peoples.

It was a great pleasure to have our devotional service led by the pastor of our new Congregational project at Sierra-Arden near Sacramento, Rev. Mary McKee Chester. We understand now why that work has grown so rapidly.

Mrs. S. B. Janigian, president of San Joaquin Association, who always does so graciously what she is asked and usually before the request is made, has sent in a report of the activities of her women during the past months and at the Association meeting held on May 1 in the First Church of Fresno. As there will not be room in this issue for all the interesting things Mrs. Janigian told we will specialize on one group whose work she herself stressed and hope to share the rest in another issue. The society at Parlier numbers only twelve, but like another Twelve, centuries ago, Mrs. Janigian says the influence of these is felt in their own community and beyond. They hold a prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon in some member's home, after which the hostess for the day serves refreshments. They visit the sick and those in need of comfort in the community. Potted plants are sent to those who are ill, the cost of which is paid by the individual members, not deducted from the society treasury. They gave an annual dinner March 1 with complimentary tickets to all returned service men. Later in the month they entertained the women of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Fresno. They give support to the Armenian Benevolent Union which meets monthly in their church. They are working to enlarge their parsonage and provide chairs for their social hall. The secretary modestly wrote that she felt they had done nothing outstanding, but your editor admits to feeling a little breathless as she reads.

Rev. Jessie Getty Heath Daniel is still quite ill, but has been moved from a hospital in Modesto to a private home in Salida where she can be near her family and friends.

ROAD TO CAZADERO

Follow any road map instructions to Guerneville (on the Russian River, 65 miles north of San Francisco via Petaluma and Sebastopol). Drive through Guerneville on State Highway No. 12 toward Monte Rio and Jenner. Bypass Monte Rio (do not leave Highway 12; do not cross Monte Rio bridge).

Drive 3 miles past Monte Rio toward Jenner. Turn right off Highway 12 following sign—"Cazadero, 6 miles." Go straight through Cazadero one-fourth mile and then follow "Congregational Camp" signs. Four and one-half miles beyond Cazadero watch for sign "Congregational Cazadero Camp."

Turn to left on private road, drive slowly 1½ miles to camp. Sound horn on curves. Use low gear on hills. Report at once to Manager or Camp Office when you arrive.

Those who come by bus and are to be met at Monte Rio, should write to Clarence Young at least seven days in advance, giving exact number and specific time of bus. Passengers are to wait at Monte Rio bus depot without fail.

DIRECT CHINA RELIEF

Northern California people who desire to send materials, either food or clothing for relief in China, will find it convenient to do so through "Direct China Relief, Inc." Materials can be left at the Berkeley Chinese Church, 1917 Addison Street, or the Chinese Methodist Church, 920 Washington Street, San Francisco.

THE NEW WORLD

The pre-war strategy of the Christian community will not suffice to meet the spiritual needs of men and nations in the years ahead. This new world is a world that has outgrown the patterns of the parochial. It is a world that has achieved an awareness of its own totality, its own solidarity, its own togetherness.

—WALTER VAN KIRK.

The women of the churches of the Santa Clara Association are having the benefit of a news sheet published by the Association officers, giving items of interest from the various churches and outlining programs and projects. The president is Mrs. C. L. Jackson of San Mateo and the assistant president is Mrs. H. B. Williams of San Carlos.

There will be no meeting of the Federation in June and July. PLEASE NOTE: The August meeting will be held on the fifth Thursday, August 29. This change is made necessary because of the dates of the M.E.M. Conference, which comes this year August 14 to 19. Remember, next meeting: Thursday, August 29.

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